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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR AND ON THE ROAD TODAY STATE ROUTE 347/FRIENDSHIP RD

Braselton, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces big changes are planned today if the weather cooperates on State Route 347/Friendship Road. A detour starts this afternoon on State Route 347/Friendship Road in Braselton. Approximately 500 feet of Puckett Road closest to its intersection with SR 347 will be closed so the grade of Puckett can be changed to meet the grade of the new State Route 347. The closure can last a maximum of 21 days to June 30, 2015. If the weather cooperates, the roadway could open sooner. A signed detour will be in place. The detour route will be Puckett Road to Dunbar Road which changes names to Sardis Church Road to Thompson Mill Road to State Route 347.

A traffic shift is also planned for this afternoon. SR 347 from the Quarry almost to Spout Springs Road will be moved over to use the newly built lanes of the roadway. This shift allows crews to rebuild the original lanes of SR 347 in the area.

“Please slow down through the work zone and use extra caution as everyone gets used to these changes. Remember to buckle up, put away your electronic devices and drive alert not drowsy, drugged or distracted! We are making progress on the project, thank you for your understanding as work continues,” concludes Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer serving Northeast Georgia.

The contract for construction of this 7.97 mile long project is \$38.4 million and the contract was awarded to E.R. Snell Contracting Inc. of Snellville, Georgia. The contract completion date for the entire project is January 12, 2016

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